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SUBJECT: SYRIAN POSITION ON PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA

REF: DAMASCUS 1187

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS PROVIDED US WITH ONE INTERESTING AMPLIFICATION TO REPORT ON DE GUIRINGAUD'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS (REFTEL). IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH PROBING, FONMIN KHADDAM STATED VERY SPECIFICALLY THAT PLO MUST RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A GENEVA CONFERENCE. IF PLO WERE NOT INVITED, SYRIA WOULD NOT ATTEND. ON OTHER HAND, IF PLO WERE INVITED BUT CHOSE NOT TO ATTEND THEN SYRIA WOULD FEEL FREE TO MAKE ITS OWN DECISION REGARDING ATTENDANCE. DE GUIRINGAUD ASKED SYRIA'S VIEWS ON PROPOSAL TO CONVENE GENEVA BRIEFLY WITHOUT PLO AND THEN BREAK UP INTO WORKING GROUPS WITH PLO PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSION OF PALESTINIAN ISSUE. SYRIANS CATEGORICALLY REJECTED GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THIS BASIS.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT IN FONMIN KHADDAM'S DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY HE LIMITED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT PLO MUST PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. IT WAS PREDICTABLE, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN SYRIANS WERE PUSHED TO AMPLIFY THEIR POSITION, AS DE GUIRINGAUD DID, THEY

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WOULD TAKE A VERY FIRM LINE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR LONG-STANDING POSITION ON PLO ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA. (SEE ALSO DAMASCUS 1169).
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